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Lessman is currently the chief consultant to the Iliff faculty for the Authentic Engagement Program™ and was an enterprise executive for organization development for United Launch Alliance, the rocket design, development and launch joint venture of Boeing and Lockheed Martin, based in Centennial, Colorado.

Lessman has more than 20 years of experience in the strategic design, development, and evaluation of large scale complex change management and organizational learning engagements. His focus is on leveraging the human element in support of enterprise wide business transformation initiatives, and aligning senior leadership in driving successful change projects.

He has held senior leadership positions in Hewlett-Packard Company, Siemens AG, and IXOS Software AG, where he served as Chairman of the Board, IXOS Software, USA. He has also led international change strategies while living more than a decade abroad, and is an expert in understanding cultural norms and differences, and facilitating organizational development synergies across international boundaries.

Lessman holds a bachelor's degree in business management and a master's degree in consulting, coaching, and change management in a joint program with Oxford University, England and HEC Business School, France. He is currently serving on an Oxford University Alumni Board focusing on leadership development. Lessman is also a Boettcher Scholar and a member of the Boettcher Alumni Foundation.

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Price is currently a management consultant for the Authentic Engagement Program™ and the founder, president, and CEO of VentureQuest that works with government agencies, universities, and companies worldwide. She has developed and offered training, development, and mentoring programs for executives, managers, and governmental officials helping them achieve their visions while understanding the results needed and expected by their organization, customers, stakeholders and employees. These programs focus on developing leadership skills and identifying effective ways meet expectations and deliver results.

Price's leadership development and entrepreneurial training programs have received many accolades including being named the best training program in America by the Kauffman Foundation utilized by more than 200,000 professionals worldwide. She is an internationally recognized expert in mentoring and executive development and directed the renowned Committee of 200 Mentoring/Protégé program for women to become successful leaders

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